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MINES IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States alongwith the minerals being extracted from the mines located therein;

(b) the number of mines operating at present indicating the number of those lying closed;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to revive such mines; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the revival and opening of closed mines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a): State-wise information on the mineals is given in the Indian Minerals Year Book published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a copy of which has been supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b): As per information available with the Indian Bureau of Mines, a total of 2380 mines (excluding, atomic, minor minerals and petroleum & natural gas) were operating in the country during 2006-07. Four mines have been closed in the country since 2003, as per mine closure plan.

(c) & (d): Revival of closed mines depends on demand of mineral and commercial viability of mining operation which are generally cyclical in nature.